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(U) San Diego – US Coast Guard Rescues 18 Migrants Stranded on Boat Adrift for Five Days

(U) A San Diego Coast Guard crew rescued 18 migrants who were stranded on a motorboat for at least five days in the ocean off the coast of Baja California, according to USCG officials in San Diego. The migrants were discovered by a passing boat about 16 miles offshore. The rescued passengers were suffering from sun overexposure and lack of food and water, at least three were taken to hospitals in San Diego, according to officials. Seven people, including a man, a 4-year-old boy, a 2-year-old girl and four women, were airlifted back to the USCG San Diego station. Eleven other men on the boat were rescued by the Mexican Navy.

SOURCE: 24 November 2022, [NBC San Diego](#)

(U) Placer County – Nearly 60,000 Fentanyl Pills Recovered During Traffic Stop

(U) The Placer County Sheriff's Office announced the latest major Northern California drug bust, saying the pills were sniffed out by a K9. A suspect was stopped last week, and a deputy found a duffel bag weighing 15 pounds that contained bags of blue tablets suspected to be fentanyl. Two 30-year-old suspects were arrested.

SOURCE: 23 November 2022, [KCRA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Two Dead After Panga Boat Capsizes off Coast

(U) Imperial Beach – Two people drowned Saturday after a panga boat capsized off the coast of Imperial Beach in San Diego County, authorities said. At least 10 people were thought to be on the boat, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department said. Surfers who were in the area at the time helped pull seven individuals to shore. The US Coast Guard, San Diego County lifeguards, sheriff's deputies and the US Border Patrol searched for one person reported missing, sheriff's officials said.

SOURCE: 26 November 2022, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Seize \$1.5 Million in Cocaine

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border seized hard narcotics that totaled over \$1,500,000 in street value. The seizure occurred last week, when a CBP officer referred a 2001 Freightliner tractor trailer manifesting polypropylene film for secondary inspection. Following a canine and non-intrusive inspection system examination, CBP officers discovered a total of 118.91 pounds of alleged cocaine within the trailer. The narcotics had a combined street value of \$1,587,777. CBP seized the narcotics. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) special agents are investigating the seizure.

SOURCE: 23 November 2022, [CBP Press Release](#)

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(U) Colorado – Florida Man Busted for Growing Nearly 1,000 Marijuana Plants

(U) Pueblo County – Colorado authorities seized nearly 1,000 marijuana plants and almost \$1 million worth of dried weed in the arrest of a Florida man accused of running an illegal grow operation. The

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Pueblo County Sheriff's Office said its investigators took Lazaro Piloto-Gomez into custody last week after getting a tip about possible illegal drug activity in a rural part of the state. After the 57-year-old Florida resident fessed up to having more than 12 marijuana plants on his property, detectives returned with a warrant to search two detached outbuildings and a home. Weed is legal in Colorado, but state law prohibits more than 12 marijuana plants per household.

SOURCE: 27 November 2022, [NY Post](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Bans Chinese Telecom Devices Citing National Security

(U) Washington – The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced it is banning telecommunications and video surveillance equipment from prominent Chinese brands, including Huawei and ZTE, citing a risk to national security. The five-member FCC voted unanimously to adopt new rules that will block the importation or sale of the targeted products. Security officials in the United States have warned that equipment from Chinese brands such as Huawei could be used to interfere with fifth generation (5G) wireless networks and collect sensitive information. The ban is the latest move in a years-long push to keep US networks secure by identifying and prohibiting devices deemed to be security threats.

SOURCE: 25 November 2022, [Al Jazeera](#)

(U) Michigan – Judge Denies New Trial for Two Men Convicted in Governor Whitmer Kidnapping Plot

(U) Grand Rapids – A federal judge rejected claims of juror misconduct in ruling that two men should not get a new trial after being convicted of plotting to kidnap Governor Gretchen Whitmer. US District Court Judge Robert Jonker issued an opinion, denying motions made by attorneys for Adam Fox, 38, and Barry Croft Jr., 46. According to court documents, a juror allegedly told a co-worker about being in the jury pool prior to a jury being selected. The person also allegedly said that, if selected for the jury, he or she would make sure Croft and Fox were convicted. Judge Jonker and his staff investigated the allegation and determined it came to them second-hand and not directly from the co-worker who allegedly heard the comment.

SOURCE: 24 November 2022, [MLive](#)

(U) New York – Mass Shooting Suspect Pleads Guilty to Murder, Domestic Terrorism

(U) Buffalo – The gunman who killed 10 people and wounded three others in a racist mass shooting at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket last May has pleaded guilty to all state charges brought against him, including multiple counts of murder in the first degree and one count of domestic terrorism motivated by hate. The guilty plea means he will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, his defense attorneys announced today. Nineteen-year-old Payton Gendron, of Conklin, New York, had previously pleaded not guilty to state as well as federal charges, which were announced several months after the massacre took place. Gendron was arrested shortly after the shooting, having surrendered to police. Investigators said that on 14 May, the gunman opened fire outside, and then inside, the Tops grocery store in Buffalo. He was found to have ties to white supremacy and extremist ideologies.

SOURCE: 28 November 2022, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Chad – Boko Haram Fighters Kill 10 Soldiers Near Nigeria Border

(U) N'Djamena – In a statement the Chadian government said that Boko Haram militants killed at least 10 Chadian soldiers in an attack on a military unit in Lake Chad province near the Nigerian border. The unit had been dispatched as a precursor to setting up an army post on the island of Bouka-Toullorom, between the villages of Ngouboua and Kaiga, where Boko Haram has carried out several offensives in recent years. Militants attacked early, killing around 10 men, and wounding several others, the

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statement said. The Boko Haram insurgency, which erupted in northeast Nigeria in 2009, has killed more than 350,000 people and forced millions to flee their homes.

SOURCE: 23 November 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – Government Forces Fight Back After Al Shabaab Attack on Military Base

(U) Mogadishu – Militants from Somalia's al Shabaab attacked a military base in the central Galgaduud region last week, prompting violent clashes as the army and allied clans sought to repel them. The early morning attack in the village of Qayib, which included suicide car bombs, comes as government forces have made a number of battlefield gains against al Shabaab in the last three months, regaining territory with the help of clan militias.

SOURCE: 25 November 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Somalia – Al-Shabaab Extremist Group Attacks Hotel in Somali Capital

(U) Mogadishu – Somali security forces were attempting to flush out armed assailants from a hotel in the Somali capital, after the extremist group al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack. There has been no immediate word of any casualties. Al-Shabaab said in a broadcast on its own radio frequency that said its fighters attacked the hotel Villa Rose, which has a restaurant popular with government and security officials. Scores of people were rescued from the hotel and security forces have launched an operation to remove the assailants.

SOURCE: 27 November 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Yemen – USS Nitze Seizes \$20M in Illicit Drugs from Vessel

(U) Gulf of Aden – The guided-missile destroyer Nitze seized roughly \$20 million worth of illicit drugs from a fishing vessel last week. The Nitze was conducting a patrol in international waters when it found 2,200 kilograms of hashish and 330 kilograms of methamphetamine on the fishing vessel. The Navy's increased presence in the past year has resulted in an uptick in weapons and illicit drug seizures. Since 2020, Combined Maritime Forces have intercepted approximately \$900 million worth of illicit narcotics.

SOURCE: 23 November 2022, [Military Times](#)

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